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Turkana language

Turkana /tɜːrˈkɑːnə/[3] is the language of the Turkana people of Kenya. It is spoken in northwestern Kenya, primarily in Turkana County, which lies west of Lake Turkana. It is one of the Eastern Nilotic languages, and is closely related to Karamojong, Jie and Teso of Uganda, to Toposa spoken in the extreme southeast of South Sudan, and to Nyangatom in the South Sudan/Ethiopia Omo valley borderland; these languages together form the cluster of Ateker Languages.

The collective group name for these related peoples is Ateker.

Turkana	
Ng'aturk(w)ana	
Native to	Kenya
Region	Northwest Kenya, west of Lake Turkana
Native speakers	1,013,000 (2007-2009)[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? ▪ Eastern Sudanic ▪ Nilotic ▪ Eastern Nilotic ▪ Ateker-Lotuko–Maa ▪ Ateker ▪ **Turkana**
Dialects	Nyangatom
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `tuv` – Turkana `nnj` – Nyangatom
Glottolog	`turk1308 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/turk1308)`[2]

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Vocabulary

English	Turkana singular form	Turkana plural form
face	*ereet*	*ngiReetin*
body	*akwaan*	*ngaWat*
clothes	*eworu*	*ngiWorui*
food	*akimuj*	*ngaMuja*
tobacco	*etaba*	*ngiTab*
goat	*akine*	*ngaKinei*
cattle	*aite*	*ngaAtuk*
donkey	*esikiria*	*ngiSikiria*
camel	*ekaal*	*ngiKaala*
water	*ngakipi*	*ngaKipi*

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